September 1, 2006 Morning Highlights 2006-59 Contact: Maggie Rogers, BLM AFS, 356-5511

HIGHLIGHTS

Morning Highlights will not be updated again until September 5

Alaska Summary

- Year to Date Number of Fires Statewide: 280
- Year to Date Acres Burned Statewide: 269,805
- o Fire activity is minimal, no fires in Alaska are staffed.
- On September 3, the 46-50th Emergency Fire Fighter (EFF) crews, mobilized in Alaska since July, will be sent to the Lower-48. That is a total of 950 people from towns and villages throughout the state, not including support staff.
- Additional resources committed include: Alaska's Type 1 Incident Management Team, Interagency Type 2 crews, Agency crews (including all four of Alaska's Hotshot Crews), smokejumpers, and other single resources.

Interesting Facts

- On September 1, 2005, 96 fires were active, 600 fires had been reported (year-to-date) statewide, and 4.08 million acres had burned statewide.
- This season, the number of fires and acres burned in Alaska may be low, but there are many large wildland fires burning in the Lower-48. The Alaska wildland firefighting community has been busy supporting the contiguous states since July. The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center continues to mobilize EFF crews and other personnel to support the greater effort. The five EFF crews to be sent to the Lower-48 on Sunday include: Galena, Selawik #1, Kiana #2, Marshall, and Tok.

National Situation

- For a situation report: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf.
- To view a map of large incidents visit: <u>http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/lg_fire2.php</u>.

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ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov
 - o Map of Current Fires: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php
 - o Situation Report: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf
- National Fire Situation: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf
- Creating Defensible Space: http://firewise.org/ and http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: http://www.fws.gov/fire/
- USDA Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc
- Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov